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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE EXPOSITION

REFERENCE: PARIS 20621

1. IN REFTEL WE REPORTED THAT FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING HAD ASSURED AMBASSADOR IRWIN THAT HE WOULD GIVE PROBLEM OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE EXPOSITION HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION AND HAVE AN ANSWER FOR US DURING THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3. HAVING HEARD NOTHING FROM HIM BY AUGUST 7, WE DECIDED THAT FOLLOW-UP WAS NEEDED. IT OCCURRED TO US THAT PRESENCE OF COMMISSIONER GENERAL WELLES HENDERSON IN EUROPE MADE HIM THE IDEAL PERSON TO MAKE THE FOLLOW-UP AND HE READILY ASSENTED. HOWEVER, CHANGES IN AMBASSADOR HENDERSON'S TRAVEL PLANS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO SCHEDULE AN

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APPOINTMENT WITH GISCARD. THEREFORE, YESTERDAY, AT SUGGESTION

OF GISCARD'S OFFICE, AMBASSADOR HENDERSON TELEPHONED HIM FROM THE THE EMBASSY. IN AN EXTREMELY CORDIAL CONVERSATION HE CAREFULLY REVIEWED WITH GISCARD THE CASE FOR FRENCH PARTICIPATION, STRESSING THE MINIMAL COST OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN A EUROPEAN (NOT EC) PAVILION. GISCARD LISTENED ATTENTIVELY. HE AGREED THAT THE COST WAS MODERATE BUT SAID HE WOULD STILL HAVE TO REVIEW THE QUESTION FROM A BUDGETARY VIEWPOINT. HE PROMISED TO GIVE THE EMBASSY A FIRM ANSWER BY THE END OF AUGUST.

2. WE HAVE NOW LODGED THIS PROBLEM FIRMLY IN THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION FOR THE GOF. WE BELIEVE THAT NO PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOF AT THIS TIME. AMBASSADOR HENDERSON CONCURS. IF WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM GISCARD BY EARY SEPTEMBER, WE WOULD NATURALLY FOLLOW UP WITH HIM. DECON 12/31/74.
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